

City Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2024

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Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over

In advance of one of the busiest and deadliest holiday travel times due to alcohol-impaired-driving crashes, the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration today kicked off its annual Labor Day *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* national enforcement mobilization campaign.

"Driving while impaired, whether from alcohol or drugs, endangers you and everyone else on the road. Even one drink can affect your driving ability and, if you choose to drive, the consequences can be deadly," Deputy Administrator Shulman said. "That's why we're reminding everyone to avoid the risk and always make sure you have a safe ride home, especially if you're planning to celebrate during the upcoming Labor Day weekend."



Avoca Volunteer Fire and Rescue

AUGUST CALLS FOR SERVICE through the 30th:

2 Avoca Fire

14 Avoca EMS

3 Good Intent

1 EMS Oakland

2 EMS to Walnut



Change in Pick Up Service

DUE TO THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY, R & S WASTE WILL PICK UP ALL GARBAGE & RECYCLING ON SATURDAY, SEPT. 7 AND NOT ON FRIDAY SEPT. 6.

CITY HALL, PUBLIC WORKS, and LIBRARY will be CLOSED on MONDAY, SEPT. 2 to observe Labor Day.





Tipper Cart Audit Completed

The September Utility Bill will reflect if you have an extra tipper cart.

- If you have one tipper cart (65 or 95 gallon from R & S,) then the garbage charge will be \$18.75
- If you have two or more tipper carts (65 or 95 gallon from R & S,) then the garbage charge is \$18.75 plus \$12 for each additional tipper reflected as a separate line item on the bill.

***CALL CITY HALL IF THERE IS A DISCREPANCY.
712-343-2424 OPTION 1***

R & S Waste WILL pick up your Recycables from their Recycling Bins ONLY IF the following rules are followed:

Food & beverage jars and bottles only

- Empty and RINSE jars and bottles
- Throw away the lids
- Labels are okay



Aluminum foil containers, tin food & beverage cans

- Empty and RINSE cans.
- Labels are okay.
- Place lid inside rinsed can.



Clear & colored plastic containers 1&2symbol.

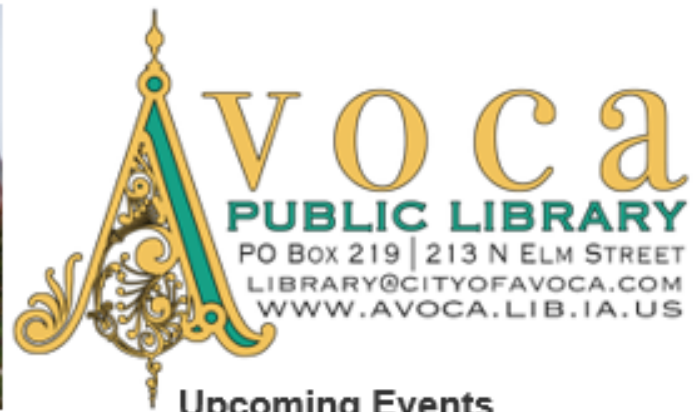
- Empty and rinse all jugs and bottles.
- Throw away all lids.
- Most symbols are on the bottom of the bottle.



NO OTHER NUMBERS!

Newspapers (including all inserts), phone books, magazines, catalogs, office paper and box board containers (cereal boxes, gift boxes, shoe boxes).

- Remove all plastic liners from box board containers and flatten the boxes.
- Do not place paper products loose in your recycling bin or mix with your glass, cans or plastic containers.
- SET OUT ONLY ON DRY DAYS - If it is raining, please hold paper items until next recycling day.



Upcoming Events

'90s Nostalgia Trivia Night at the Avoca Public Library



Join us Friday September 27, at 7:00 p.m., to prove how much you remember about living in a different century!

Five rounds of questions will dredge up the fabulous and infamous events of the 1990s. Pull together your team and reserve your spot today!



Library Staff Pick

You can find Jeremy's August library staff pick and all the previous staff picks on our website, in the Reading Suggestions section under the Services tab (<https://www.avoca.lib.ia.us/services/reading-suggestions>).

Flu Shot Clinic

Shelby County Public Health will be setting up a mobile clinic outside the library, Wednesday, September 25, from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., so you can get vaccinated before flu season arrives.

No appointment needed, as walk-ins are welcome!

League of Human Dignity Visitation

A representative from the League of Human Dignity will be providing one-on-one consultations at the library on Monday, September 16, from 1:00–3:00, to discuss resources for persons with disabilities who are trying to live independently.

9/2:	CLOSED for Labor Day	
9/4:	10:30 a.m.	Children's Storytime
9/6:	1:00 p.m.	Friday Club
9/9:	6:00 p.m.	Library Board Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	BBB Book Club
9/11:	10:30 a.m.	Children's Storytime
	5:00 p.m.	Library card sign-up at the Farmer's Market
9/14:	1:00 p.m.	Friday Club
9/16:	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	League of Human Dignity visitation
9/18:	10:30 a.m.	Children's Storytime
	7:00 p.m.	Read-It-or-Not Book Club
9/21:	1:00 p.m.	Friday Club
9/25:	10:30 a.m.	Children's Storytime
	7:30 a.m.– 10:00 a.m.	Flu Shot Clinic
9/27:	1:00 p.m.	Friday Club
	7:00 p.m.	Trivia Night
9/30:	10:00 a.m.	Movie Monday

Hours of Operation

Monday	10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.
Thursday	10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Friday	10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Sunday	Closed

July by the Numbers

Visitors to the library:	1,204
Physical check-outs:	1,408
Digital items:	290
New items to the collection:	60
Number of programs:	21
Program attendees:	194



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Join us for a trip back in time, to prove how much you remember about living in a different century! Five rounds of questions will dredge up the fabulous and infamous events of the 1990s. Pull together your team and reserve your spot today!

At the Avoca Public Library

September 27, 2024,
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Call or email to register your team!

712-343-6358 / library@cityofavoca.com



Mission of the Avoca Main Street is to sustain our downtown district as the economic cultural and social center of our community by utilizing the four point approach of Main Street America.

AVOCA MAIN STREET, INC. HOSTS MAIN STREET AMERICA LEADERSHIP TO SUPPORT LOCAL REVITALIZATION EFFORTS

Avoca Main Street, Inc. hosted national downtown revitalization leadership from Main Street America to help strengthen the local Main Street program. Main Street America is a national organization that seeks to revitalize downtowns through preservation-based economic development, and this visit is part of a partnership with Main Street Iowa. Jackie Swihart, Program Officer for Revitalization Services, visited Avoca on August 15, 2024. As part of the visit, Jackie toured the downtown and met with Main Street Board and committee members, as well as local elected officials.

The purpose of the Main Street America Accreditation Visit is to give the local Main Street Board of Directors, Main Street staff, and other community partners an opportunity to celebrate the progress and accomplishments of the past year; show off the great work of the local Main Street program to the national Main Street program, engage local community leadership with a national Main Street representative, learn about national Main Street revitalization trends occurring throughout the country, and gather tips to improve the

local Main Street program's effectiveness.

Avoca Main Street, Inc. is an accredited Main Street America program. Avoca Main Street's performance is annually evaluated by Main Street Iowa, which works in partnership with Main Street America to identify the local programs that meet 6 national performance standards. Evaluation criteria determines the communities that are building meaningful and sustainable revitalization programs and include standards such as, fostering strong public-private partnerships, documenting programmatic progress, and actively revitalizing historic buildings.

"The ability for a local Main Street program to consistently incorporate fresh ideas and new leadership perspectives into the revitalization process helps ensure a vibrant future for the community's economic opportunities," comment Michael Wagler, Main Street Iowa State Coordinator. "This visit focused on partnerships and enhancing local communication that are the foundation for a strong local development effort."

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Avoca Main Street, Inc. Offers Volunteer Opportunities on Committees & Board

As a non-profit organization, Avoca Main Street works with all businesses in the designated downtown district to promote economic development through historic preservation. The volunteer based organization began in 2014 through a partnership with the founding Avoca board members and the Iowa Department of Economic Authority.

Avoca Main Street is a volunteer-driven organization that involves not only the downtown neighborhood constituents, but citizens throughout the city. In addition to the Board of Directors, who serve three-year terms, volunteers may serve on five different committees:

- 1) **Economic Vitality Committee, which develops businesses and entrepreneurs,**
- 2) **Design Committee, which cultivates places and spaces,**
- 3) **Organization Committee, which stimulates partners & opportunities for funding the organization,**
- 4) **Promotions Committee, which creates markets and customers**

5) **Farmers Market Committee, which plans and executes the Wednesday evening Farmers Markets held June through September.**

The Avoca Main Street program is part of Main Street Iowa and is nationally accredited with Main Street America. The Mission of the organization is to sustain our downtown district as the economic, cultural, and social center of our community by utilizing the four point approach of Main Street America.

If you are interested in getting involved in one of the committees or on the Board of Directors, contact mainstreet@cityofavoca.com or 712-307-0172 for more information, or speak to President Annie Keupp.

Email: mainstreet@cityofavoca.com

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September Events

Farmers Market began in June and continues through the last Wednesday of September. From 5-7 p.m.

Southwest Iowa Art Tour will be on Saturday September 21 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, September 22, from noon to 4 p.m. in the Avoca Fire Hall

The **Longest Table** is planned for Saturday, September 21 with a happy hour at the Avoca Legion Hall 5-6 p.m. followed by a five-course, chef-hosted, all-local feast outdoors (weather permitting) and live entertainment 5-8 p.m. Tickets go on sale at Eventbrite.com on September 6th.



NO LEAVES, GRASS, and Other DEBRIS allowed in STREETS, SIDEWALKS or ALLEYS !

IT IS AGAINST OUR CITY ORDINANCE



4:19 It shall be unlawful for any person to throw or deposit on any street or sidewalk any yard waste, glass, glass bottle, nails, tacks, wire, cans, trash, garbage, rubbish, litter, offal, or any other debris, or any other substance likely to injure any person, animal, or vehicle.

Fix a Leak Fact Sheet

The Facts on Leaks:

- The average household's leaks can account for more than 10,000 gallons of water wasted every year, or the amount of water needed to wash 270 loads of laundry.
- Household leaks can waste more than 1 trillion gallons annually nationwide. That's equal to the annual household water use of more than 11 million homes.
- Ten percent of homes have leaks that waste 90 gallons or more per day.
- Common types of leaks found in the home include worn toilet flappers, dripping faucets, and leaking showerheads. All are easily correctable.
- Fixing easily corrected household water leaks can save homeowners about 10 percent on their water bills.
- Keep your home leak-free by repairing dripping faucets, toilet flappers, and showerheads. In most cases, fixture replacement parts don't require a major investment.
- Most common leaks can be eliminated after retrofitting a household with new WaterSense labeled fixtures and other high-efficiency appliances.

Leak Detection:

- A good method to check for leaks is to examine your winter water use. It's likely that a family of four has a serious leak problem if its winter water use exceeds 12,000 gallons per month.
- Check your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, you probably have a leak.
- One way to find out if you have a toilet leak is to place a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. If the color shows up in the bowl within 10 minutes without flushing, you have a leak. Make sure to flush immediately after this experiment to avoid staining the tank.

Faucets and Showerheads:

- A leaky faucet that drips at the rate of one drip per second can waste more than 3,000 gallons per year. That's the amount of water needed to take more than 180 showers!
- Leaky faucets can be fixed by checking faucet washers and gaskets for wear and replacing them if necessary. If you are replacing a faucet, look for the WaterSense label.



2024 Tournament List

712-343-6979



<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>
Sat., Sept. 7 th	Stacy's Tournament	11:00 am
**Sat., Sept. 21 th	BROWN-NELSON MEMORIAL BENEFIT	11:00 am
Sat., Oct. 5	Viking Booster Club Fundraiser	TBA
**Sat., Oct. 12 th	COURSE BENEFIT END OF SEASON	10:00 am

GOLF CARTS ON CITY OF AVOCA STREETS

4.15 Golf Cart Operation on City Streets. It shall be unlawful to operate a Golf Cart upon a public right-of-way unless the following requirements are met:

- A. The Golf Cart is operated on a public street or alley between sunrise and sunset, and
- B. The Golf Cart is equipped with a slow moving vehicle sign and a bicycle safety flag, and
- C. The Golf Cart is equipped with adequate brakes.



ADDITIONALLY ALL DRIVERS MUST MEET THE STATE OF IOWA CODE:

Under Code Section 321.174

It is unlawful for anyone to operate a “motor vehicle”, including a golf cart, upon streets and high-ways unless the operator has a valid driver's license.

Under Section 321.20B

Golf carts cannot be operated on high-ways or city streets unless financial liability coverage (insurance) is in effect for the vehicle and the driver has proof of insurance in his/her possession.

Avoca Fairgrounds

FOOD TRUCK NIGHT

September 19th 2024

(5pm - 8pm)

Birthday Parties

\$10.00

Pony Rides



unlimited wristband \$30 / includes painting horses



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YELLOW LEVEL WATER MANDATORY WATER RESTRICTIONS

Please remember that the recent rainfall is not filling the aquifers that supply the water towers.

Top soil or sub-soil may have benefited from past rainfall, but Regional Water has not removed their restrictions.

- A. Outdoor watering or irrigation of lawns is prohibited.
- B. Outdoor watering of any kind is prohibited between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. daily.
- C. Water or irrigation of flower and vegetable gardens, trees and shrubs less than 4 years old, and new seeding or sod is permitted once per week with an application not to exceed one inch.
- D. **Car washing is prohibited** except in commercial establishments that provide that service. In these cases, hours of use will be restricted to 8:00 am to 8:00 PM.
- E. ***No water shall be used to fill private/residential swimming pools, children's wading pools, reflecting pools, or any other outdoor pool or pond.***
- F. No water shall be used to wash streets, parking lots, driveways, sidewalks, or building exteriors.
- G. Large volume water users, including industries, motels, hotels, and eating establishments may be requested to scale back services.
- H. Schools will be required to cancel their physical education activities and inter-scholastic competitions that require showers or attract crowds and take other actions to reduce water consumption at sport complex.
- I. Water shall be served at restaurants only upon the request of the customer.

Please call City Hall at 712-343-2424 option 1 to be informed about WATERING NEW SOD.

If you are a LARGE VOLUME WATER USER, and have any questions, please call our City Administrator, Tyler Trout, at the same number as listed above.



For more information
or to sign up as a
vendor, contact
Melissa Wisniewski at
402-672-0869



October 26
10-4

Pottawattamie County Fairgrounds

301 W Lincoln St
Avoca, IA 51521

50+ Vendors

Coffee & Mixologist Trucks

Food Trucks

Musician

Photo Op's around the Fairgrounds